

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0408A
Hiroo IWATA et al. : **Confirmation No. 7027**
Serial No. 10/572,920 : Group Art Unit 1636
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of August 27, 2009, the period for response having been extended for two months, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP **1636**

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.492, which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.